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March 7, 2005

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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) 2004/5-2008/09 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	<b>State Element</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Modifies the Foothill Transportation Corridor South project (MPO ID: TCA01). The amendment revises the project description from providing four general purpose lanes and two High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes to eight general purpose lanes for the toll road on State Route 241 between Oso Parkway and Interstate 15 in conjunction with SANDAG's 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). See enclosure.</li></ul>

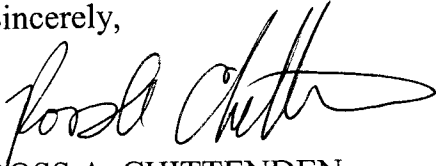
I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 2 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only.

The updated programming has been found by SANDAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. This project is included and submitted by SANDAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. SANDAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,



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Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Gary Gallegos - San Diego Association of Governments
- Sookyung Kim - San Diego Association of Governments
- Rachel Falsetti - Caltrans
- Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans